

The lonely King had a predilection for sumptuous bedrooms. The bedroom was built in Neogothic style. Fourteen craftsmen worked four and a half years to complete this room. The wood carvings at the near end of the bed represent the resurrection of Christ, symbolizing the near relation between sleep and death. The head of the bed is a copy of an Icon painted on gilded copper. Wall paintings show details from the saga, "Tristan and Isolde", an opera by Richard Wagner. Curtains and covers are Bavarian blue, the King's favorite color. They are embroidered with the Bavarian Coat of Arms, the Swan and the Whittelsback Lion. The wash stand was furnished with running water supplied by a source emerging about 660 feet above the castle, so that the pressure was sufficient to supply the whole castle, even the upper rooms with water. The balcony window of the bedroom grants a splendid view of the Poellat Gorge with a waterfall about 149 feet high. In the background, there towers the huge mountain Sauling, about 6749 feet above sea level. In the chapel, the richly carved altar dominates. A very precious Crucifix stands at this Altar. Pictures and glass paintings on the window show scenes from the life of Ludwig IX of France, the Saint. King Ludwig II was born in the Castle Nymplrenburg in Munich on the 25th of August 1845. At the age of 19, after the death of his father, King Maxmillian II (1806-1828), Ludwig became King of Bavaria on March 10, 1864. On January 22, 1867, he was engaged to Princess Sophie of Bavaria, a sister of the Austrian Empress, Elizabeth. However, the engagement was broken October 10, 1867. After that, King Ludwig II remained alone until his death. Neuschwanstein was the first castle built by the romantic King. It was here that King Ludwig's tragic fate should reach its climax. On June 11, 1886, a commission sent from Munich declared him unfit to rule and took him to the Castle Berg on the border of Starnsburg Lake, where he drowned in the lake on June 13, 1886, under mysterious circumstances. His life may seem very uncommon, but Ludwig II was and still is the favorite king of the Bavarian